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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Hazenbroek et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for this application. Harold L. Marquis, Reg. No. 20,594, talked to the Examiner on March 3, 2003. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778. A verbal authorization had been given to the Examiner in the telephone conversation of March 3, 2003 to directly charge the above Deposit Account for a Two-Month Extension of Time.

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